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### IRTS SSB Field Day 2013

The **Shannon Basin Radio Club** will once again be hosting the **SSB Field Day** on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September. The club would like to invite clubs or individual ops to the grounds of **Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway** to take part in the contest. Ample space is available for antennas, parking and camping. The club will be having its famous barbeque on the Saturday evening the 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information please contact Brian EI8IU at: [brianei8iu@eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net).



### World Radiosport Team Championship

The **World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC)** is held every four years and consists of 50+ two-person teams of amateur radio operators from around world competing in a test of operating skill. Unlike most on-the-air competitions, all stations are required to use identical antennas from the same geographic region, eliminating all variables except operating ability. Prospective "**Team Leaders**" must apply no later than September 13, 2013 to be eligible for WRTC2014. The application form can be found on the WRTC2014 web site at <http://www.wrtc2014.org/qualifying/team-leader-application/> or see [www.wrtc2014.org](http://www.wrtc2014.org)

### RSGB Centenary Convention



The **RSGB's Centenary Convention** takes place over the weekend 11th–13th October 2013 at **Horwood House** just a few miles outside **Milton Keynes**. The two day lecture programme will be filled by a wide range of topics ranging from DXing and VHF/UHF techniques to HF operating and technical matters. Since the society is celebrating its Centenary year there will be an additional historic element to the programme. As usual there will be something to suit everyone. See more at: <http://rsgb.org/main/blog/news/rsgb/notices/2013/07/10/rsgb-centenary-convention/>

### The Transmission Project

**The Transmission Project** is a collection of stories about radio in Ireland, why we love it and why we sometimes hate it. Some of the stories describe big events in the history of radio, and others are simply about the everyday. 84% of Irish adults listen to the radio daily. Tune in to hear their stories and find out more at: <http://www.thetransmissionproject.com/>

### Solar Cycle 24: Update

The current prediction for **Sunspot Cycle 24** gives a smoothed sunspot number maximum of about 66 in the autumn of 2013. The current predicted and observed size makes this the smallest sunspot cycle since Cycle 14 which had a maximum of 64.2 in February of 1906. From: <http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/predict.shtml>

## Rallies & Events

**North Cork Radio Group, Annual Radio Rally & Electronics Fair, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September** at the Roebuck Room, Commons Inn, New Mallow Road, Blackpool, Cork. Doors open at 1100 and admission is 5 Euros (children are free). The usual traders will be present and anyone wishing to reserve a table or interested in setting up a stall contact: **Edwin Van Mierlo EI2HEB** on 086-3885741 or [ei2heb@ei1nc.com](mailto:ei2heb@ei1nc.com)

### County Cork Fox Hunt

A 2m "Fox Hunt" to coincide with the NCRG Rally weekend will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of September. After the "Fox Hunt" there will be a social "meet and greet" at the Commons Inn before the rally event the following day. Registration for the Fox Hunt is open to all and inquiries can be made to **Edwin Van Mierlo** (see above). Further details, rules etc. are available on <http://ei1nc.com/fox-hunt-2013.html>

**UK National Hamfest: Britain's Biggest amateur radio event, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at the George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark & Nottingham Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY. Show highlights include: Centenary RSGB stand, committees and book stall, free raffle and parking, manufacturers stands, international traders, club stands, "bring and buy", radio car boot, GB100RSGB, lectures and lots more ... For more details visit: [www.nationalhamfest.org.uk](http://www.nationalhamfest.org.uk)

### Members Advertisements

#### For Sale:

Yaesu FT-7800E radio (2m/70cm) boxed.  
Yaesu YSK-7800 (Sep. Kit for 7800) boxed.  
Dual band magnetic antenna 2m/70cm.  
Sold as one lot -220 Euros. No offers.  
Contact John: [ei6ghb@gmail.com](mailto:ei6ghb@gmail.com)



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## DX Watch

**3B9 – Rodrigues Island** will be activated by the **Verona DX Team** using the calls **3B9EME/3B9HF** from **September 2-13**. Although primarily an EME activation, they will run two HF stations simultaneously on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65hf and PSK31 on bands from 160-10m. More details at: [www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/3b9\\_2013.htm](http://www.ari.verona.it/veronadxteam/3b9_2013.htm).



Finally, the '**Invoker Team**' IOTA operation plan to activate Panamanian island groups with the **HP0INT** call-sign from **September 5-19**. They will be QRV CW/SSB on 40m to 10m. See: [www.invokerteam.com/hp0int/](http://www.invokerteam.com/hp0int/).



## Contests

### September 2013

**07-08** –24 Hrs from 1300z on 7<sup>th</sup> - **IRTS HF SSB Field Day** - SSB -Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No.  
**07-08** - 24 Hrs from 0000z on 7<sup>th</sup> - All Asian DX Contest – SSB - Exchange: RS(T) + Age  
**14-15** –24 Hrs from 0000z on 14<sup>th</sup>–Worked All Europe DX Contest–SSB–Exchange: RS(T)+Serial No.  
**21-22** –24 Hrs from 1200z on 21<sup>st</sup>–Scandinavian Activity Contest–CW–Exchange: RS(T) + Serial No.  
**28-29** –24 Hrs from 0000z on 28<sup>th</sup> – CQWW RTTY DX Contest – RTTY – Exchange: RS(T) + 59914  
Contest information by IRTS Contest Manager [thoscaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:thoscaffrey@hotmail.com)